

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 14-17, and 19-23 remain in the application including independent claims 1, 11, and 17. Claims 2, 4, 12, 13 and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 17, 22, and 23 are allowed. Claims 4-9, 13-16, and 19-21 are indicated as allowable. Claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 11. Claims 19, 20, and 21 have been rewritten in independent form. Thus, Applicant asserts that claims 1, 3, 5-11, 14-16, and 19-21 are now in condition for allowance.

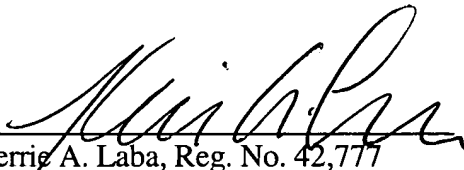
The changes to the specification and drawings are not related to any rejections set forth in the subject official action. The changes are included strictly to address antecedent basis and duplicate numbering issues.

Claims 1, 3, 10, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by O'Boyle. This rejection is moot in light of the amendments discussed above.

The examiner has withdrawn the claim objection with regard to claim 20. Thus, Applicant believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance. A check is enclosed to cover the additional claim fees. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however,

the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.


Respectfully submitted,


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